

TRIBUTE TO LYLE ROELOFS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, when President Lyle Roelofs joined Berea College in 2012, the school faced threats from many directions. It had fallen behind its peer institutions in infrastructure and student programming. Its endowment soon came under threat from partisan efforts that could have forced Berea to renege on its promise of providing a high-quality, tuition-free education to more than 1,600 students. But because of the work of President Roelofs, the school is now thriving like never before. Today, in light of President Roelofs's announcement that he will retire in 2023, I would like to pay tribute to one of the most generous and hard-working champions of higher education in Kentucky.

It is easy for outsiders to overlook Berea College. But nestled between the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains and the Bluegrass plains is one of the most significant institutions of higher learning in the entire United States. Founded by abolitionists before the Civil War, Berea College was the first racially integrated and coeducational college in the entire American South. Berea fostered inclusion and diversity at a time when it was difficult—even dangerous—to do so.

That grand history made the threats to Berea's tuition-free model even more worrisome. In many ways, the school embodies the unique values that make America special; it is an institution where anyone, of any background, has a chance to compete, learn new skills, and succeed. To some observers, though, Berea's work college system seemed outdated in an era when schools offer increasingly flashy amenities for ever-increasing tuition rates.

Roelofs, however, was firmly committed to Berea's foundational principles. He quickly got to work to defend the school's legacy and protect its students. Nearly a decade later, the fruits of his hard work are apparent. Berea has updated its residence halls, developed new educational programs, restored its surrounding forest ecosystem, and steadily climbed college ranking lists. Most importantly, Berea College is better equipped than ever to remain true to its tuition-free commitment.

I had the opportunity to get to know Lyle when we worked together to protect his school from an unintended tax penalty that arose when partisan lawmakers targeted the ability of schools like Berea to use the returns on their endowments to provide tuition-free education to low-income students. If these legislators had been successful, they would have forced Berea College to abandon its tuition-free promise and turn its back on its students, whose families make, on average, less than \$30,000 per year. But because of the work of Berea College President Lyle Roelofs and his tireless advocacy efforts in Congress, we were able to work together to ward off these tax hikes and protect Berea College for years to come.

President Roelofs's leadership and care are astounding, and his commitment to Berea College is heroic. I know that each student who attends Berea is profoundly grateful for his work. On behalf of the Senate, I would like to congratulate President Roelofs on his well-earned retirement and thank him for his service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

INTEL AUTHORIZATION
WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, on September 23, 2021, I inserted for the record an explanation of my intent to hold the Intel Authorization Act because I was concerned with changes made to the whistleblower protections.

Specifically, it would have prevented whistleblowers from going to any committee that had jurisdiction over the matter they were reporting on.

I was also concerned that this bill could inadvertently overturn protections that I authored in 2016 for FBI whistleblowers.

I have long advocated that whistleblowers should have as many avenues as possible to report waste, fraud, and abuse. So I placed a hold and made two simple requests: first, that the law permit whistleblowers to report wrongdoing to any committee of jurisdiction; and second, that language be inserted to clarify that nothing in this bill overturns protections guaranteed for FBI whistleblowers under the FBI Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act.

I am happy to report that Chairman WARNER and Ranking Member RUBIO agreed to incorporate these changes into the Intel Authorization Act.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend both Senators WARNER and RUBIO for their commitment to supporting whistleblowers. Thanks to them, Congress is on the verge of passing much needed reforms with regard to how whistleblower complaints in the intel community are handled. I would also like to thank EMPOWER and the many whistleblower advocacy groups that wrote the Senate Intelligence Committee to show the need for these changes.

However, the job is still not done, and the House must agree to support these changes. As such, I urge members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to support these much needed changes.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 20-11 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$650 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-11

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$620 million.
Other \$30 million.

Total \$650 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Two Hundred Eighty (280) AIM-120C-7/C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).

Five Hundred Ninety-six (596) LAU-128 Missile Rail Launchers (MRL).

Non-MDE: Also included are containers; weapon support and support equipment; spare and repair parts; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (SR-D-YAG).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: SR-D-YAS.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 4, 2021.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia—AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested to buy two hundred eighty (280) AIM-120C-7/C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and five hundred ninety-six (596) LAU-128 Missile Rail Launchers (MRL). Also included are containers; weapon support and support equipment; spare and repair parts; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical

and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated cost is \$650 million.

This proposed sale will support U.S. foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve Saudi Arabia's capability to meet current and future threats by increasing its stocks of medium-range missiles for its fighter aircraft fleet for its national defense. This potential sale will support Saudi Arabia's Eurofighter Typhoon, F-15C/D, F-15S, and F-15SA programs and will further strengthen the interoperability between the United States and Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon, Waltham, MA. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale; however the purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-120C-7/C-8 AMRAAM is a supersonic, air launched, aerial intercept, guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high-and-low-flying and maneuvering targets. The AIM-120C-8 is a form, fit, function refresh of the AIM-120C-7 and is the next generation to be produced.

2. The highest level of classification of information included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF MILWAUKEE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary

of Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church in Milwaukee, WI, an inclusive Christian community of faith. Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church began as Prince of Peace Metropolitan Community Church in 1971 under the leadership of Reverend Paul Sydman. It was renamed Metropolitan Community Church in 1977 and finally Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church in 1993.

In its first 20 years, the church changed worship locations multiple times within the city of Milwaukee and held services in other churches before establishing its current home at 1239 West Mineral Street in Milwaukee's Walker's Point neighborhood in 1993. With this purchase, the church became the first LGBTQI+ organization to own property in the city of Milwaukee, as well as the entire State of Wisconsin.

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church—MCC—is the oldest LGBTQI+ organization still in existence in Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin. The church was originally started to provide a place for LGBTQI+ people to worship and has a long tradition of welcoming all people looking for a spiritual place where they can feel welcomed and accepted. It became a member of the Global Movement of Metropolitan Community Churches in 1984. This denomination was founded by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender—LGBT—community in 1968.

Current Pastor Reverend Tory V. Topjian began his pastorate as senior minister on June 1, 2016. It was within his first 10 days of service that the country and the LGBT community experienced the great tragedy of the Pulse Night Club shooting in Orlando, FL. Reverend Tory and Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church took an active role in helping the Milwaukee community grieve following the shooting.

In 2020, after waiting for nearly 20 years, both the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Council of Churches finally recognized Metropolitan Community Churches to be a viable and important community of faith. Milwaukee MCC was invited to sit on councils of both these vital community organizations and offered a well-deserved voice and vote.

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, like most churches, adjusted and adapted to the pandemic and its impact on church community since the spring of 2020. Virtual worship and programming were offered to keep the congregation safe while maintaining community.

The year 2021 marks 50 years since the beginning of this important community within Milwaukee, WI, and the LGBTQ community. A welcoming place for all, its foundation is built on community and inclusiveness. Earlier this year, the Milwaukee Historical Society honored this community being the oldest LGBTQI+ organization still in ex-

istence. Its significance and impact on countless members over the years is profound. Please join me in celebrating this historically and spiritually important community.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING FRANK ZULLO

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Frank Zullo, an extraordinary public servant who passed away on May 26, 2018, at the age of 85.

Born and raised in Norwalk, CT, Frank started his law practice in 1957 in his hometown. The next year, the Norwalk Junior Chamber of Commerce named him "Young Man of the Year." He was elected mayor of Norwalk in 1965. At only 33 years old, Frank was the youngest mayor in the city's history, in addition to being their first Italian-American mayor.

Throughout his three terms, Frank worked closely with the people of Norwalk, listening to their concerns and striving to initiate positive change. Against the backdrop of the civil rights movement, the Vietnam war, and the Cold War, Frank faced local challenges head on and diligently united his constituents. Frank was known for his compassion and did everything he could to make Norwalk a welcoming city for all of its residents.

Frank became a symbol of the city, and his leadership ushered in a new era of participation in Connecticut politics, in which residents saw the difference they could make as part of his administration. His legacy is enduring, and for the rest of his lifetime, Frank was often called upon for guidance by his successors, who recognized his remarkable accomplishments. He also helped establish the Connecticut Conference of Mayors and served on the executive board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors as a trustee and member.

Admired for his lively spirit and giving personality, Frank committed himself to serving Norwalk in a multitude of ways, both when he was mayor and when he returned to practicing law. One notable example includes his role as chair of the Norwalk-Wilton Chapter of the American Red Cross Board's Water Safety Program, in which he taught hundreds of young people lifeguarding and swimming skills. He also chaired the Board of Trustees of Norwalk Hospital and the University of Bridgeport, chaired the First Taxing District Water Department, and served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk.

Following Frank's passing, a memorial rose garden was constructed in his honor by the First Taxing District of the City of Norwalk. Though the celebratory programs were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Frank N. Zullo Memorial Rose Garden stands as a fitting tribute to a man